

wherein compensating material is released from said at least one bag [self-contained batch such that said compensating material is able to freely flow within said tire/wheel assembly].

8. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said bag [self-contained batch is provided in at least one device to contain said material, wherein said device] is ruptured [destroyed] to release said material.

10. (Amended) The method of claim [9] 1, wherein said at least one bag is a paper or plastic bag.

11. (Amended) The method of claim [8] 1, wherein said at least one bag [device] is adapted to release said compensating material after positioning thereof inside said tire and upon rotation of said tire/wheel assembly.

12. (Amended) The method of claim [8] 1, wherein said at least one bag [device] is made of a material which will break down upon being rotated within said tire/wheel assembly to release said compensating material.

13. (Amended) The method of claim [9] 1, wherein said at least one bag has a plurality of perforations therein.

14. (Amended) The method of claim [9] 1, wherein said bag has a primary seal and a secondary seal, wherein said primary seal is a relatively stronger seal than said secondary seal.

22. (Amended) A method of compensating for radial and lateral force variations at the tire/road footprint of a tire/wheel assembly comprising the steps of:

providing a predetermined amount of compensating material formed in at least one briquette [self-contained batch in a form preventing said compensating material from freely flowing apart from self-contained batch],

putting said at least one briquette [self-contained batch] into an interior of said tire,

mounting said tire on a wheel to form a tire/wheel assembly,

[mounting said tire/wheel assembly on a vehicle,]

rotating said tire/wheel assembly thereby breaking up said at least one briquette wherein said compensating material [is released from said self-contained batch and] disperses within said tire/wheel assembly [to provide compensation of said force variations].

23. (Amended) A method for introducing a compensating material into a tire/wheel assembly comprising the steps of:

providing a tire;

providing at least one bag [self-contained batch] of compensating material[, said at least one self-contained batch comprising at least one bag containing a predetermined amount of said compensating material],

placing said at least one bag into an interior of said tire;

mounting said tire on a wheel forming a tire/wheel assembly; and

[mounting said tire/wheel onto a vehicle;]

inflating said tire/wheel assembly whereby said at least one bag becomes ruptured to
release said compensating material within said tire/wheel assembly[;

wherein said predetermined amount of said compensating material is directly related the
size of said tire].